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### **Increase in Robberies have Police Taking Action**

The Columbus Division of Police Robbery Squad and Crime Analysts have noticed a marked increase in robberies over the past couple of months, and working together with the Office of Mayor Michael B. Coleman are aggressively attacking the problem with a focused strike force initiative.

The strike force initiative will involve 10 officers and 1 sergeant working an irregular schedule. The officers will work throughout the City, particularly in areas that have been targeted by suspects. The initiative will be conducted through the month of December.

The officers will also be in place to combat other crimes of violence such as assaults and homicides.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman stated that "Our Division of Police continues to work in cutting edge ways to increase their presence in neighborhoods and focus on stopping crime trends. We are investing our resources where they are needed to make sure Officers have the flexibility they need to solve and prevent crimes and keep our families safe."

The Division will not be able to accommodate media requests on exact locations or times of strike force deployment. Statistical data will be available upon request.

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